

around a wearer of the garment, which belts have a stiffness that varies in the cross-direction of the belts, wherein the stiffness that varies has an extension in the longitudinal direction that essentially coincides with the length of the belts.

2. (Thrice Amended) A garment according to claim 1, wherein the belts comprise in their cross-direction at least two mutually adjacent regions of mutually different stiffness.

3. (Thrice Amended) A garment according to claim 2, wherein the belts have a longitudinally extending central part that is stiffer than at least one longitudinally extending edge-part of said belts.